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The heads of [redacted] agencies were deputies to the Minister of National Defense and were on the same organizational level as the Chief of the General Staff. For example, the Chief of the SVS was the Deputy to the Minister of National Defense for military schools, and the Chief of the HPS was the Deputy to the Minister of National Defense for personnel matters. The efficiency reports of these five deputies were written by the Minister of National Defense, and in the cases of the chiefs of the HPS, HKS, and VKR, they were also partially written by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

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However, while the offices of the VKR, SVS, OSK, HPS, and HKS were responsible to and run by their respective chiefs, they were administratively supported by and they coordinated with the General Staff in whose headquarters they were physically located.

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The five chiefs had at the same time some vague, limited administrative housekeeping functions for which they were responsible to and drew support from the General Staff. The subordination was further complicated because the HKS, HPS, and VKR were also responsible in party matters to the Central Committee of the Party.

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Each branch of the Army had a "referent" in the General Staff Headquarters who held the rank of major, lieutenant colonel or colonel.

They were subordinate to the Chief of the General Staff, not to their branches or branch chiefs. Their efficiency reports were written by the Chief of the General Staff. The "referenti" were not members of the General Staff, but functioned more or less as advisers and liaison officers from their particular branches. They had no command responsibilities or functions.

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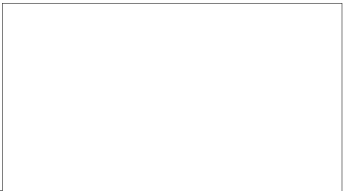
If the branch chief, i.e., the branch member of the General Staff were absent, the "referent" would not have replaced him. The staff member's replacement would have been his Chief of Staff in his branch.

If the Chief of Staff issued a directive, for example, on the topic of military-political training for the forthcoming year, the "referent" would have extracted portions applicable to his branch for implementation.

If the Chief of the General Staff or one of its offices required special assistance or advice from the branch on a particular problem, the "referent" supplied the assistance or advice or obtained it from his branch.

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Prior to WW II there was a Main Inspectorate of the Armed Forces of Czechoslovakia (Hlavni Inspektoriat CSR Branne Moci) which was under the command of General of the Army, Jan SYROVY. Since then, there has been no Main Inspectorate. The commanding officers of the branches of the Army or representatives of the General Staff itself functioned as such.



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[REDACTED]

The Deputy Minister of Air Defense, Lt Gen Josef VOSAHLO, was a deputy of. and responsible directly to, the Minister of National Defense [REDACTED]. He was also Chief of the PVOS. He was not a member of the General Staff [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] he attended the General Staff meetings as Deputy Minister in matters of air defense, acting independently of the General Staff. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VOSALHO was not the CG of the Air Force who was also the Chief of the Aviation Branch of the General Staff. [REDACTED]

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